



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 27

While the Christmas season brings joy to so many households, the silent reaper, who regards no season as too sacred for swinging his scythe, often gets in his work at a time which produces terrible contrasts in homes. This unwelcome guest who visits the palace as well as the cottage, often takes up his abode in households during the Christmas week, and after causing anxious ones to pass weary vigils, finally forces them aside, and instead of holly and mistletoe, fluttering crape is placed on doorknobs and that, too, at a time when Christmas bells are ringing. Such scenes have been enacted in several Alexandria households since the last issue of the Gazette. These sad happenings not only cast the present holiday season into an eclipse to the many to whom deceased ones were near and dear, but on each succeeding anniversary dismal reminiscences are reproduced. While such bereavements are fresh in the souls of afflicted ones, it is futile to attempt to say anything to soothe the chill, cold ear of death. Such poignant sorrows cannot be gilded, veiled or hidden under banks of flowers. Time only can blunt the edge of these partings with loved ones. "They who sow in tears shall reap in joy," is a heavenly whisper which appeals to all on such occasions.

Another Christmas has come and gone and being a double holiday (Christmas Day falling on Sunday this year) it was doubly enjoyable to the many who otherwise are unable to spend a two day's vacation. The day brought joy to many for charity seemed to be unbounded and the interchange of presents among the well-to-do and the bestowal of gifts to the poor was thought by many to be more general than for many years past. The holiday was a sane and quiet one but none the less enjoyable for this feature as much of the heretofore out-of-door hilarity was substituted for indoor sociability.

According to today's telegraphic dispatches, the year is liable to close with wars and rumors of wars. There has been a clash in Persia between British sailors and tribesmen, and China and Japan are believed to be preparing for war. It is also said that China will have the moral support of the United States in the coming conflict.

Shoals Studded with Wrecks. Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 27.—Mariners who arrived here today reported conditions along the coast of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Sounds as the worst for many years. The mate of a belated fishing schooner declared the shoals fairly bristled with wrecks, the skeletons of eight vessels and it is now believed that Davila could long retain his power under the strain of a revolution.

Johnson Haunted by Chauffeur. Chicago, Dec. 27.—That Jack Johnson's championship heavyweight career came near being ended by a bullet, became known here today, when the big pugilist appeared to prosecute Gaston Beaufort, his former chauffeur, who was arrested after he had cleared Johnson's home with a revolver. Leftist Johnson says, appeared at the pugilist's home late last night and asked for him. Told that the fighter was absent, the chauffeur is said to have drawn a revolver and searched the house, while the Johnson family fled in terror to the street. When detectives arrived on the scene, the chauffeur had vanished. Later, it is said, he returned in a taxicab to a corner near the Johnson home, supposedly to "lay" for the pugilist. There he was arrested.

Seizure of Rotten Eggs. Jersey City, Dec. 27.—United States Deputy Marshal Louis G. Beckham and United States Food Inspector Herman Lind today seized nine tons of alleged rotten eggs at the Merchants' Refrigeration Company's plant. The warrants for the seizure, which was issued by United States Commissioner Carpenter, describes the frozen liquid eggs as "filthy," decomposed and putrid animal matter. Frozen eggs, it is said, have no odor, but when thawed out the government officers say, it emits a stench which is unbearable.

Etna Again in Eruption. Paris, Dec. 27.—Mt. Etna is again in violent eruption, according to a Naples dispatch in today's Intransigent. No details are given, but it is said that the eruption is the worst in years and that a catastrophe is feared.

A dispatch from London says Bill Lang, the Australian pugilist, and Jack Burns, of California, met in a twenty-round match at Olympia. The referee, stopped the contest in the twelfth round and declared Lang he winner.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

Official confirmation of reported border clashes between San Domingo and Haiti was received at the War Department today in a cablegram from Receiver of Customs, J. H. Edwards, at Santo Domingo. He reports a skirmish between Haitian troops and Dominican frontier guards over a boundary dispute near Lake Enriquillo. Edwards reports that negotiations to settle the disturbance have begun between the two governments and that the Dominican authorities hope to prevent more serious trouble. All Americans are safe he says.

The president was today invited to attend the anniversary of the Hampton Normal and Industrial school at Hampton, Va., on Jan. 27 by Col. Archibald Hopkins, the fellow trustee of President Taft of the institution. The president could not definitely accept, but expressed his desire to do so, as he is intensely interested in the work of this industrial school for colored people.

It has been decided to hold up the sentence in the case of W. H. Harlan, of Georgia, who was convicted of peonage until the president can find an opportunity to review the case. It seems probable that the sentence will be commuted by President Taft as it is regarded here as severe.

The comptroller of the treasury thinks it rather brazen for horse racing army officers to expect Uncle Sam to foot the bills incurred in transporting their horses to the track. The comptroller showed today a letter to the secretary of war regarding the bills for the transportation of three horses, the personal property of many army officers from Fort Myer to the Pimlico track last May. At first the comptroller refused to pay any part of the bill which totaled \$80.55. Even following an appeal from Secretary of War Dickinson he has now consented to pay only a part of it. He declares the horses were shipped under conditions more luxurious than were warranted. In making his report the comptroller declares himself unable to see how horse racing makes a man a better soldier.

With a telegram of Christmas greeting from his children, President Taft, Secretary of War Dickinson, Secretary of the Navy, and Secretary of the Interior, were found dead in his office in the Senate office building today. Hancock was sixty-two years old and had for a score of years had been a familiar figure about the Capitol. He came here as secretary to Senator McLaughlin, and was that statesman's close companion until his death. Senator Gordon was appointed for McLaughlin's unexpired term, and he retained Hancock. When Senator Percy was elected he kept the secretary. Hancock frequently slept in his room at the office building, and his presence caused surprise last night. He had been dead several hours when his body was discovered.

Ways and means for forwarding the Taft legislative policies were discussed at the White House today by Mr. Dwight, republican whip of the House, and the president. The president conferred with Dwight for a series of conferences with the various legislative leaders just as soon as Congress convenes, to throw out the administration programme. Dwight told the president that the outlook for new general legislation was "bright" and for two hours they talked about the lineup in Congress. Dwight declared that Congress is setting a new record in disposing of the appropriation bills and that the hoped for action on general bills, when the money measures are once out of the way.

Except for a formal attempt to enforce the provisions of the Washington convention with reference to the maintenance of peace in Central America, the State Department will not actively interest itself in the threatened Honduran revolution which it seems to accept as inevitable. It is considered that the warship Tacoma and Yorktown are a sufficient guarantee for the immunity of American interests which are mostly in the sea-coast towns. Bonilla, it is stated here, is immensely popular with the masses in Honduras and it is now believed that Davila could long retain his power under the strain of a revolution.

Johnson C. Clements, of Georgia, is generally accepted here today as the next chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Clements is senior member of the commission, since the recent appointment of Judge Knapp to the court of commerce, and heretofore seniority alone has been considered in the election of the chairman of the commission. It is said that Commissioner Prouty who follows Mr. Clements in the order of seniority, may be a candidate for the place, but no contest is expected. The election will probably be held when the commission holds its first official meeting of 1911, on January 8. The two new members of the commission, G. G. McCord and B. H. Meyer, appointed to succeed Commissioners Knapp and Cockrell, will be formally inducted into office at a special meeting January 3.

A three weeks old baby, dressed in expensive laces and embroideries, is the belated and unusual Christmas present which some one left on the marble steps of the residence of E. W. Creech, in the small northwest section here. The child is a boy. The police says the child, was left on the steps by a woman who drove up to the house in an automobile. They have no clue as to her identity.

That the United States is "now unprepared for real hostilities with a first class power," is the statement in the testimony of Maj. Gen. Wood, Chief of Staff, before the House committee on military affairs, made public today.

Though the holiday season is still on today at the White House, the president buckled down for a couple of hours. A conference was held with Representative Dwight, of New York, republican whip of the House, concerning the administration programme after Congress re-convened. Dwight assured the president that the outlook was a bright one. He says that Congress is setting a record for itself in shoving the big appropriation bills through and he hopes for big results upon other legislation as soon as those are out of the way. They arranged for a series of conferences between the leaders of the House and Senate and the president as soon as Congress meets.

Georgetown Wheat Market. Georgetown, D. C., Dec. 27.—Wheat prices were steady.

## FIGHTING IN PERSIA.

British Sailors and Tribesmen Clash—England Believed to be Responsible for the Trouble.

London, Dec. 27.—Reports received today from southern Persia and from Dibal, in Arabia, have alarmed the war office.

They indicate clearly that the recent engagement between English sailors and tribesmen from the Hyacinth and tribesmen at Dibal, in which fourteen sailors and three times this number of natives were slain, was only the beginning of a widespread campaign against the British, who are accused of seeking the permanent occupation of southern Persia.

Dibal is being made the centre of operations and from this point hundreds of Persians are being supplied with arms by gunrunners.

A dispatch from Bushire, on the southern coast of Persia, says that the English consulate at Bandar Abbas, a town of strategic importance, has been fortified against attack and that a gun-platform has been erected outside the consulate.

All mails to the north have been discontinued and many of the telegraph lines have been cut.

The Kührghuz tribesmen north of Shiraz destroyed a number of villages and massacred many of the inhabitants.

England is accused of fomenting the present disturbance for the purpose of creating such a state of disorder that she will have an excuse for landing a sufficient force to control the whole of southern Persia and thus facilitate her reported scheme of permanently occupying the country.

Months ago England and Russia gave every indication of acting in concert in the control of Persia, Russia to invade the northern part and England the southern. The plan was then blocked through the opposition of Germany and Turkey.

Roosevelt and Taft. New York, Dec. 27.—Theodore Roosevelt has not declared for the nomination by the republican party in 1912 of President William Howard Taft. Roosevelt made his fact more emphatic at his offices in the Outlook today.

"All of this talk about me supporting Mr. Taft in 1912 is utterly absurd," he said. "There has been nothing like that discussed by me with anyone at any time. And so far as the statements are concerned that Collector L. E. H. have made a Taft lieutenant and will appoint patronage in New York with Mr. Taft in order to secure the state delegation for the president's re-nomination in 1912 knowing nothing more of the matter than what I have read in the newspapers. So far as I know there is nothing in it."

Alleged Japanese Spy. Manila, P. I., Dec. 27.—United States military authorities today arrested a Japanese spy in Corregidor, the island whose great fortifications guard the entrance to Manila Bay.

The spy is said to have been caught red-handed with valuable military sketches and maps in his possession. He is being held. At the same time, Japanese residents of Manila are censured today over the action of the military authorities in searching a number of houses and stores of Japanese residents here for hidden explosives. None was found. The search was instigated by General Duval, the retiring commander of the department of the Philippines, upon secret advice he had received. Among the houses searched by the military agents and police was that of the Manila manager for the big Japanese commercial house of Mitsui-Russian Company, limited.

Banks in Hands of Superintendent. New York, Dec. 27.—State Superintendent of banks O. H. Cheney today took possession of the Northern Bank of New York, having nine branches throughout the city. The institution has a capital of \$700,000 and had a book surplus on November 10, 1910, of \$185,965. Its deposits at that time were \$6,912,588.

Two Men Burned to Death. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 27.—James McDonald, of Scranton, and Benjamin Jones, of Midvale, were burned to death today as a result of an oil lamp exploding. Michael McDonald, a brother of one of the victims, is dying in the City Hospital. The explosion occurred while the three men were playing cards, and in some manner the lamp was upset.

Fire in a Publishing House. New York, Dec. 27.—Ten firemen were overcome today in an early morning fire, which caused \$100,000 worth of damage to the plant of the Munro Publishing Company, 24-26 Vandewater street. The fire gave the firemen the hardest fight they have had in months. The streets became filled with smoke and the firemen placed two 3,000 candle power searchlights at work. For a time it was feared the fire would get beyond control.

BURNED TO DEATH. Clad only in her night robe and with a mass of flames, Miss Lillie Biller, youngest daughter of Postmaster H. H. Biller, of Orkney Springs, a well known summer resort in Shenandoah county, jumped from the second-story window early Sunday morning and, while running and screaming for help, was burned to death. The girl arose before the rest of the family on Christmas morning, and in some manner her night clothing caught fire. She screamed and jumped from the window, evidently escaping unhurt from the drop, as she arose and ran blindly until overcome. Her entire body was burned and blistered when she was picked up later.

Supposedly catching fire from the girl's burning attire, the Mountain View Hotel, owned by her father, was burned to the ground, a large building adjoining it, and a large store and heavy stock of goods owned by Biller, were destroyed. The loss will total many thousands of dollars, and the fire was the largest ever occurring at the springs. There were no further fatalities or casualties.

Captain Arch Deubery, of the 11th battalion Philippine Scouts, was arrested in Manila today, charged with killing a private soldier of the scouts with a stick.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

Justice Crutchfield, of Richmond, on Christmas eve pardoned 100 prisoners in the Richmond jail who were serving terms for drunkenness.

Mrs. Virginia Smith died at her home in Leesburg Saturday from paralysis. Two daughters and one son survive her.

The north wing of Ryland Hall, the main building of Richmond College, was badly damaged by fire early Sunday morning. The loss is estimated at \$60,000, covered by insurance.

The Thomas farm, near Leesburg, has been sold by John Hill Carter to Vincent T. Bly, of Ashland, Ore. The estate contained 900 acres, and will be converted by Mr. Bly into a fruit farm.

Miss Martha Henkle Sommers was married to Ernest Lamar Gostin, of Macon, Ga., on Saturday afternoon at the residence of the bride's parents, near Somerset, by Rev. W. P. Huddle, of Madison.

Governor Mann is in receipt of the resignation of Senator G. O. McAlexander, of the Twenty-sixth district. The senator resigned to become postmaster at Salem. Three seats in the Senate are now vacant by resignation—those of Senator Owen, Kezzell and McAlexander.

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice M. Jordan, wife of Charles E. Jordan, a merchant of Haymarket, who died in the Episcopal City, East and North streets, in Washington on Saturday, were held at her home yesterday afternoon, the body having been shipped there that night. She was 63 years of age and besides her husband she is survived by three daughters and two sons.

Contributions to a fund for students of Richmond College who lost everything in the fire which early Sunday morning destroyed a large part of Ryland Hall, including the dormitories in which sixty-three men lived, began to come in to President F. W. Boatwright yesterday. Cash, checks and pledges received by the head of the institution during the day amounted to between \$500 and \$600, and it is known that other contributions are on the way.

Killed in a Collision.

Farber, Mo., Dec. 27.—Three trainmen were killed in a head-on collision on the Chicago & Alton Railroad near here today. Passenger train No. 9 crashed into a freight train. It is reported several passengers were injured.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec. 27.—Four dead and three seriously injured were the toll of death of a railroad wreck on the Ohio river, a section of the Baltimore & Ohio, near Mercersburg, seven miles below Gallipolis Ferry, W. Va., early this morning. Owing to a misinterpretation of orders, two flat freight met in a head-on collision.

Mysterious Murder.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 27.—Although twenty-five persons today visited the morgue where the mutilated body of a man found dead in the shrubbery north of Highland Park is being held, no clue to the identity of the man has been found. The police declare they believe the man was killed outside of Detroit and the legless body shipped here in a box. A woman who visited the morgue today declared that the man resembled Walter or Morris Buckmeister, of Akron, Ohio, but the authorities do not lay stress on the identification.

Two Children Burned to Death.

Columbus, O., Dec. 27.—When Mrs. William Sheets returned from a trip to the neighborhood grocery shortly before noon today she found her two little daughters, Myrtle aged 4, and Margaret aged 3, burned to death. They had played with the fire in the kitchen range.

Visitor Shot.

New York, Dec. 27.—Policeman Matthew McGrath, the champion weight thrower, was arraigned in the Flatbush Court today on the charge of having shot George Walker, whom he found in his home Sunday morning and held without bail to the grand jury. Walker will probably die. He declares he went to the McGrath home at the invitation of Mrs. McGrath. This was denied by both McGrath and his wife.

Pugilist's Death to be Investigated.

Green Bay, Wis., Dec. 27.—A coroner's jury will today probe the facts surrounding the death of John Barmentier, aged 18, of Green Bay, who died in the ring during a six round bout here. Barmentier received a punch on the Adam's apple at the end of the fourth round. He went to his corner groggy and died soon afterward. It is thought death was due to hemorrhage of the brain.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 27.—City physician Burgess today turned in a "sudden death, no autopsy" death certificate on Mike Daly, former lightweight pugilist, who was found dead in his cell in the police station here yesterday of heart trouble.

Daly had seen some long fights, among them a 31 round fight in New Orleans, being knocked out by Austin Gibbons.

To Receive Annuity.

Dayton, O., Dec. 27.—An annuity of \$1,000 a year is to be settled by the Wright Brothers, aviators, upon the widow and children of Ralph Johnstone, the aviator, who was killed while flying for the Wrights at Denver. This announcement was made today by Manager G. M. Russell, of the Wright Company. Mrs. Johnstone will return in the near future to her home in Germany.

The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza, but counteracts any tendency of the disease towards pneumonia. Sold by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

Do the right thing if you have Nasal Catarrh. Get Ely's Cream Balm at once. Don't touch the catarrh powders and snuffs, for they contain cocaine. Ely's Cream Balm releases the secretions that inflame the nasal passages and the throat, whereas medicine made with mercury merely dries up the secretions and leaves you no better than you were. In a word, Ely's Cream Balm is a remedy for Catarrh of the Nose, Throat, and Lungs, or called by Ely Bros., 50 Warren Street, New York.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

"Big Tim" Sullivan gave his usual Christmas dinner to the poor in New York.

Admiral Dewey yesterday in Washington, celebrated the 72nd anniversary of his birth.

A Christmas wreath, swinging from a chandelier forced open a gas cock in a Chicago home, last night causing the asphyxiation of a woman who was asleep in the room.

Oscar Chitwood, charged with killing Sheriff Jack Houpt, was taken from a deputy sheriff at the jail at Hot Springs, Ark., yesterday by a mob of masked men and shot to death.

The surgeon general of the army says that olive drab uniforms for the army are not good for use in times of peace and not as cool as the khaki they replaced.

A new reapportionment plan under which the state will be compelled to lose a congressman has been worked out. The new plan provides for a house of 435 members.

Four mail clerks and helpers were killed and several others were injured in the wreck of a Norfolk and Western Railway passenger train in a tunnel near Williamson, W. Va., Saturday afternoon.

The wage dispute between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the 61 railroads west, north and south of Chicago was settled Saturday. There will be no strike. Instead, the engineers get an average increase in wages of 10-13 per cent.

While delivering Christmas packages in a big automobile truck for a Philadelphia department store, two men and a boy who were in the vehicle were killed Saturday night when a Baltimore and Ohio passenger train struck the truck at Moore, ten miles from Philadelphia.

Strike pickets, chiefly Italians, are introducing atrocities in the garment workers' strike hitherto unknown and not countenanced in American labor struggles. Hesitating to face non-union men workers and policemen, they seek out the unprotected homes of men at work and terrorize the inmates.

Held up by a negro, who clutched her by the throat and threatened her life, Miss Myrtle, 18 years old, daughter of William Gorgas, of Collegeville, Pa., on Saturday morning pluckily fought off her assailant with a hatpin till he fled at the approach of a white man, who responded to her cries.

Seventy-five thousand people saw Hossey, of the Wright team of aviators, break the world's record at Aviation Field, Los Angeles, Cal., yesterday. He soared more than two miles up in the sky his barograph registering 11,474 feet, or almost 1,000 feet above the altitude of 10,499 feet, recently attained by Legagneux at Pau, France.

The plant of the Evening Times, Col. John W. Averitt, proprietor at Cumberland, Md., was damaged \$10,000 yesterday morning by fire. The loss is covered by insurance. Col. Averitt says the janitor allowed water to run low in the boiler room, and that the top of the furnace ignited the woodwork around it.

Paroled on Wednesday from the federal prison in Atlanta, to which he was sentenced for alleged violation of the federal banking laws, James G. Lowden, former president of the American Bank of Abilene, Tex., reached his home at Fort Worth, Saturday afternoon, and his death was announced at 7:30 o'clock at night. His death is attributed to heart disease.

The Llewellyn Ironworks at Los Angeles, Cal., were partly wrecked by an explosion, presumably of dynamite, early on Sunday. The force of the explosion tore out the front of the building, smashed windows for more than a block, and awakened persons more than two miles away. The night watchman was slightly injured. Who placed the supposed charge of dynamite is unknown to the police, but it is believed to have been the outcome of general labor troubles, in which the Llewellyn Company has been involved.

Leonard Thomas, a 19-year-old negro who lived near Laytonville Montgomery county, Md., shot and instantly killed Isaac Copeland, also colored, aged 40 years, in the latter's home near Laytonville, about 10 o'clock Saturday night, and later committed suicide by sending a bullet into his own brain in a cornfield on the farm of Aden D. Allnut, about a mile from the scene of the murder. (Although Copeland and Thomas had trouble several weeks ago they had, it is said, apparently settled their differences.

Tenement Dynamited.

New York, Dec. 27.—More than 100 persons living in the six-story tenement at 502 West 14th street were thrown into a panic early today when Black Handers exploded a dynamite bomb, blowing away the staircase and preventing escape. The timely arrival of firemen and policemen, who took the timely clasp persons out of windows and of fire escapes, probably prevented several of them from plunging to the street in their fright.

The building is owned by Salvatore Catalano, an importer. Catalano is receiving a letter, signed "Black Hand," demanding a "Christmas present" of \$1,000, threatening him that if he did not pay he would be given a "Christmas present" in the shape of a bomb. Catalano refused to pay.

War Between China and Japan Predicted.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—A war between China and Japan, with America aiding the Chinese, is predicted today by the newspaper Retch. It prints an alarming story of strained relations between the two Oriental powers, and predicts that an early outbreak is expected there. The recognized Japanese suspicion of China's increasing power and the reported rivalry between the United States and Japan for the control of the Pacific are the only tangible causes mentioned by the Retch in support of its story.

The peculiar properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have been thoroughly tested during epidemics of influenza, and when it was taken in time we have not heard of a single case of pneumonia. Sold by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

## A CARD.

In 1888 I was called to the pastorate of the Mount Zion Baptist Church, at Rapidan Station, Culpeper county, Va. At that time there was no church and the members had nowhere to meet for worship. They were scattered about over a number of miles. The house had been destroyed by a freshet under the administration of the pastor of the Rev. S. M. Johnson. How long it had been destroyed I do not know. I am sure, however, it was over two years.

I knew nothing about the locality, and those who seemed to have some knowledge of the fact, said to me that it was an unusual thing for such a thing as a freshet to occur. They had not seen one before, there, and I was perfectly safe in building in that place again.

I, however, made a strong foundation, as I supposed, which, would never be carried away again, should a freshet come. The cost of the house that I built was two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500). I was used for a church for seven years, and in 1905, five years ago, during the great freshet of that year, it was totally destroyed, with all the furniture. Soon after I secured a new site and started to build again. I got up the frame and visited my former friends, who had settled about the former church, and I met with very little encouragement or assistance. They blamed me greatly for building on the same site, where my predecessor had built, although I knew nothing about the conditions that existed at the time I built my church. I went to a business man at Fairfax Court House, Va., and gave him a mortgage on my farm for thirteen hundred dollars (\$1,300) and finished my church. Now the church is completed, but this \$1,300 against my farm has never been cancelled as yet.

Last spring in the Democratic and Chronicle, N. Y., was published an article of a slanderous libel, stating, with other untrue things, that I was raising money to build a church, but was using this money to buy a farm, which had not the slightest truth in it, and I hope to call the party or parties to account soon.

I fail to understand what the person or persons expected to accomplish by the aforesaid publication. No man who has known me for forty years would take me for a liar, or for a person of dishonesty. The whole statement in that paper, from the beginning to end, is nothing but a "bosh." The matter may be viewed in three ways: First, ignorance, meanness or prejudice.

My work in the way of church-building and pastoral duties has been very heavy in these four counties: Alexandria county, Fairfax county, Prince William county and Culpeper county. I do not have to go to Rochester to look up men who are going up and down the street looking for "skunk," by which to make a living.

The first time I was called upon to do church work and act as an associate pastor, was the Bethel Baptist Church of Alexandria, Va. I was called there in 1889. The church had purchased a lot during the civil war, of what was supposed to have been confiscated property. The property was bought by a man in the name of Mr. Chittenden, of Seranton, Pa. That purchase was a loss, as he was not responsible. The trustees built on the lot a \$1,000 moving home. They borrowed at the same time, \$1,200 from twelve gentlemen in the city of Boston, Mass., whose names are as follows:

Hon. J. Warren Merrill, of Boston, Mass., Mr. Williams, Mr. Moses W. Pond, Mr. Jesse A. Lock, Hon. R. O. Fuller and others, also Mr. Whittlesy, of Alexandria, Va. When I was called as associate pastor, this money had accumulated to \$1,500. The church allowed \$7.00 making a total of \$2,200. All of this money was raised and paid to the parties named by myself, and I brought home the note to the trustees.

Soon after this, the former owners of the lot, who had come south during the war, returned, and in 1877 they brought a suit of ejectment against the church to recover \$200, or \$300, for the lot again. This was done by Mr. J. T. Jackson, and others. This I was again called upon to raise, and did so. Thus, you see, I have cleared that church twice of its indebtedness.

Soon after this had been accomplished I was called by the trustees of the National Theological Seminary, of Washington, D. C., under Dr. E. Turner, as a traveling agent, to raise money for them. This I did until that school was merged into the Washington Baptist or Howard University, of which I am not positive. I then gave up the agency for them.

My next church work was done in connection with Rev. L. H. Bailey, of Occoquan, Prince William county, Va. There I built a new and nice church, raising the money from my friends north, at least the greater part of it.

My next church work in connection with him was at Brentsville, Prince William county, Va. There I built a nice church, also, and paid for it. My next church work in connection with him was at Burke's station, Fairfax county, Va. I raised the greater part of that money for that church. But last but not least, twelve years ago, as I have previously stated, I was called to the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Rapidan, Culpeper county, Va. This church I have built in 12 years' pastorate, and the second time, as I have aforesaid, I mortgaged my farm to the sum to complete the work there, and this \$1,200 is still unpaid.

Further, since I have been the pastor of that church, I have not asked for one cent of salary, and have not collected one cent from them in any way of salary or anything else. I make my living by being an agent for a business house of the west, which has given me support for quite a number of years, and I am still an agent.

I may also state here that I was the pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fairfax county, Va., for 12 years. At that time I was called there, there were only a few of the older men of that community or church who owned their own homes. Now I can point to no less than ten able young men who have bought, or are buying, themselves homes, at the present time.

When I was called to the associate pastorate of the Baptist Church at Alexandria, Va., I was teaching school in Albemarle county, Va., near North Garden. This was the first colored school ever opened in the Alexandria Gazette, and that was taught by me. The state had not as yet taken up the education of the colored people. In connection with my other work, I was an agent of the National Monitor, of Brooklyn, N. Y., edited by the Rev. L. R. Perry in the behalf of the National Baptist Consolidated State Convention of Virginia. Respectfully submitted,

L. W. BROOKS, R. F. D. No. 3, Fairfax Court House, Va.

## The Quality Store.

The greatest after-Christmas reduction sale began TODAY at 8:00—the minute our doors opened. The greatest half-price sale ever held in the history of any store in the history of retailing. Women's Coat Suits. Were \$25.00. Now \$12.50.

Women's Coat Suits. Were \$25.00. Now \$14.75.

Women's Coat Suits. Were \$37.50. Now \$18.75.

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